Terrorist threat through sea route

†3702. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are strong apprehension of terrorist threats to the country through sea route;

(b) whether it is a fact that infiltration of dreaded terrorists into the country from Nepal and Bangladesh has not been brought completely under control;

(c) whether it is a fact that after operationalisation of Setu Samudram Project under construction Indian ports would be used as international sea exit and entry points, instead of Sri Lanka, as a consequence of which possibility of infiltration of terrorists would become stronger; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As per available reports, Pak based terrorist groups, particularly Let, have been exploring possibilities of induction of manpower and terrorist hardware through the sea route.

(b) As per available information, there have been some instances where Pak/POK based terrorist outfits have infiltrated into India using Indo-Bangladesh and Indo-Nepal borders. The Government has taken appropriate measures to strengthen border management which includes deployment of Border Guarding Forces, electronic surveillance equipment, border fencing, establishment of Border Out Posts (BOPs), coordinated intelligence work by lead intelligence agencies, etc.

(c) There are no such reports.

(d) Does not arise.

Establishment of Sainik Schools

3703. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria for establishment of Sainik Schools in the country;

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